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RUTH CHAPTER, NO. 40.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS Regular Meeting, Second Monday in Each Month. W.C. DAVIS, High Priest. FRED LESSENE, Secretary.

Manning Chapter, No. 19 Order of Eastern Star Regular Meeting, First Tuesday in Each Month. (Mrs.) G. M. SMITH, W. M. (Miss) SERIE HARTIN, Sec.

ST. PETER'S, NO. 54.

A. F. M. Next Meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 January 31st, 1912. F. L. WOLFE, W. M. E. J. BROWNE, Sec.

School Books

For Clarendon County.

School Supplies

Pencils, Tablets, Inks, Pens. Papers, and everything needed for school children at

MANNING'S 5, 10, 25c Store

And some people were planning to begin garden work.

The washerwomen had troubles of their own last week.

Things will probably warm up in Columbia pretty soon.

Manning had a light fall of snow last Saturday, just to be in style.

Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30, at the Presbyterian mense.

The town clerk is collecting licenses in the supervisor's office. The time expires January 15.

Cold winds, freezing atmosphere and all-day rains make heavy drafts on the wood-pile and coal bin.

We predict that the next judge to preside over the court in Clarendon will be Geo. H. Bates of Barnwell.

We had more kinds of rough weather during the past week than in the same length of time for a good many years.

City council met last Monday and appointed L. I. Appelt supervisor of registration for the coming election in April.

Died in Sumter last Thursday, Mrs. Rebecca Moses Mikell, the last child of the late Chief Justice Franklin J. Moses, aged 74 years.

The F. N. Wilson Insurance Agency held its annual meeting last Friday, elected its new officers and declared a handsome dividend.

Rev. A. R. Woodson returned Monday morning after spending a week in preaching at Union Presbyterian church in Williamsburg county.

The amount of cotton ginned up to January 1st, according to the National Ginners Association is 14,371,000 bales, of this South Carolina shows 1,602,000.

The officers of the town of Paxville recently elected are: Mayor G. H. Curtis; Aldermen J. W. Mims, E. M. Bradham, J. M. Hicks and Dr. Thomas W. Gunter.

The continuous rain last Monday amounted to a fraction over 4 inches. No wonder it looked Tuesday morning as if the ocean had been moved up to Ox Swamp.

The inclement weather of the past week was hard on the rural mail carriers, and yesterday they could not make their rounds at all on account of the high water.

Invitations are out for the coming marriage of Andrew J. McElveen, formerly of Manning and Miss Lulu Habeshoff of Columbia to take place Wednesday 17th.

Miss Flossie Hitchens came from Troy, Alabama, last Thursday night and joined her sister, Miss Frances Hitchens, and the two left Saturday for their home at Pococomico, Maryland.

The high water in Ox swamp overflowed the whole length of the causeway near Manning yesterday, completely cutting off communication between town and country in that direction.

There came near being a fire in Manning last Sunday night in the home of Mr. A. Abrams. A hanging lamp fell while the young men who were staying in the house were out, and their timely arrival saved the house from being destroyed. Mr. Abrams and family are in Manning on a visit.

Prof. W. K. Tate, of Columbia, will spend the last week in January in company with County Superintendent of Education, Brown, visiting schools and at night giving the standard lectures on various features of school work. He will be present at the County Teachers' Association which will meet at the graded school building here on Saturday, January 27th. A full attendance of the association is desired on that occasion. All white teachers in the county are urged to attend the meeting on that day.

One day last week while the roads were soaked with water a veritable quagmire, Mr. Hugh Creevey rural route carrier was attracted by a hat in the middle of the road. He stopped to investigate and as he lifted the hat there was a man beneath it. Creevey asked him what he was doing there and the fellow told him that his horse and buggy was down there also. Creevey told him that he would report the matter to the commissioners and have them send the contractor to dig up his horse and buggy. This is what Creevey gave as an excuse for being detained on the road.

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Delegation Meet Commissioners.

The legislative delegation met with the county commissioners last Wednesday upon invitation and listened to the suggestions of the board. Among the matters discussed was that of the advisability of establishing a system of rural police. Another subject was the propriety of a special tax for permanent bridges. Also whether or not the delegation should authorize the payment of \$500 to Mr. A. F. Barnes to reimburse him for having his work re-indexing the records made good. These things will be taken under consideration in Columbia, but we do not think we are there is very little probability of Mr. Barnes getting any help from the delegation. He took the contract at a fixed price, and received his pay, but the work was discovered to be unsatisfactory, and Mr. Barnes has employed persons to correct his mistakes.

As to the rural police proposition the writer is not disposed to favor it with the present lights before him: in his opinion it will amount to a cost of about \$2,000 a year to provide jobs for individuals, and that the service will not be commensurate with the pay. But the main objection is that we are in no condition to spend money upon experiments. The amount of property on the tax books is \$4,022,175. There is taken from the taxpayers of this county for State, County and the Constitutional three mill tax, \$12,253.15. The special school taxes is not included in this reckoning, therefore it is the opinion of the writer that the county can get along for a while without providing positions for a few, even if these few are forced to go and do manual labor. A few years ago it required \$10,000 to run this county, now it takes for the ordinary purposes \$15,309.75. It takes \$8,154.33 to pay the bonded indebtedness, and \$12,252 for the constitutional school tax, then it must be remembered there is a special school tax in almost every district in the county, besides school bonds, then too, there is the town tax and more taxes in Manning we have a 10 mill municipal tax besides licenses to do business, and when the people complain of being tax burdened it is no laughing matter.

The delegation recognizes the conditions and we are sure that when they assemble in meeting to consider county affairs they will not be prone to provide for anything but what is absolutely necessary. The fact is, the senator has made up his mind to not introduce any new legislation at this session, and will use his time trying to prevent as much law making as possible. We do not need any more laws, but we do need more respect for such laws as we have.

Who Swiped the School House?

Editor The Manning Times:—Will you be kind enough to allow me space to explain again why I became the Baywood school. This is necessary because I have been misrepresented, hence I propose to explain that all may know the truth. I stated some time ago why the school was taken to this location, and why the school at Baywood would give him more money to run his school at the expense of the taxpayers of the district. The Baywood school houses were practically built by Capt. D. J. Bradham, about three-fifths of it, with the understanding when it was not used for a school house it was to go back to him, but was kind enough to allow the building to be moved, giving us thirty days to move it. Having Capt. Bradham's permission to move the building, Mr. R. E. Thompson, one of the board of trustees at the time, offered to give the ground upon which to rebuild, therefore we went in and moved the school house on the Thompson land hoping to soon start the school again, the next thing I knew I heard Mr. S. C. Lee, one of the trustees, tell Superintendent E. J. Browne that he had bought the house and paid his money therefor.

What I should like to know, has a trustee the right to sell public property? Has he the right to appropriate the money to his own use? This school has been established for years, and for the past three years it has been in this community being without a school, not because we lack the children to attend, but because, as the records in Superintendent E. J. Browne's office will show, that the Baywood school had when it was closed.

Would that give them the right to close Baywood? I talked with Superintendent Browne, and he told me the trustees have the right to close a school and sell the building. But I wonder what he thinks of their closing the school, selling the building, and not turning the proceeds into the public treasury? I wish that our county superintendent would give the public some light on this matter through the columns of the people's newspaper.

Respectfully, JOHN W. HIGGINS.

Told You So.

Manning, S. C., January 9, 1912.

On all sides every road leading to Manning was washed up by the 24 hours rain that was forecast by your Manning prophet. Also the rural mail is out of until the water can run off, so few people are coming in on the ankle express. This has been the biggest rain that has been in this section of the county in seven years. I said all roads, I should have left out the road across Black River for it seems to be the only one open for wagons and buggies to travel on. DAVID M. LESSENE.

Notice.

Preaching at the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11:30 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. A. R. WOODSON.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR cures the cough and heals the lungs

SILVER

ONE WHO LOVES THE CAUSE.

Miss Franke Lesse, who is in her senior year at Winthrop, spent the holidays at home. The new pastor of the Summerton Presbyterian church, preached a splendid sermon at the Silver chapel on Sunday, December 31st. Brother Tremble is a native of Missouri, and a scholar of great ability. He is making for himself a host of friends in his new field of labor.

Mr. Jesse Ward of Sumter, spent several days of Christmas week at the home of Mr. C. C. Thames. Miss Beulah Stokes spent Christmas at Davis Station.

Miss Annie Thames has returned from Jordan, where she successfully nursed a most serious and tedious case of typhoid fever.

The new firm of C. C. Way & Co., successors to Davis & Broadway, are planning for a large business during 1912.

Mr. Robert Baker, a popular merchant of our town, has recently remodelled his store, which adds greatly to its appearance.

It is a matter of great regret that Mr. G. L. Broadway and family are to leave Silver and locate elsewhere. Mr. Broadway is a man of splendid character, and we hope will not for himself, and his wife and family, be deprived of the success during the New Year of Grace, 1912.

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Cannon of Chesterfield, spent the holidays with relatives in our town. The farmers of our community have a great deal of the heavy staple yet in the field.

Christmas was quiet. There was no drinking and no rowdiness. Every one seemed to realize and feel the true spirit of the holiday. "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

And now for 1912. Let us all meet it with brave hearts. It will bring to us many battles to fight, many problems to solve, and many more triumphs to win. Let us learn to master our own hearts and lives. Let us also remember that there are others. When self asserts itself too strongly we forget all else. Christ lived his life for others, his suffering not for himself, and his love for all the world. Let us love much during the year if we would crown Him King. Love can lead men to God, and the only way to win men to the faith is the inbornness of their hearts and cause them to think. Once upon a time there was a riot at Ephesus, brought about by a dispute over Diana of the Ephesians who they said fell down from Jupiter. There was one man, the town clerk, who by selling and giving up his appointment saved the day for law and order. He was a thinking man. Thus it has ever been. We need to learn how to think more if we would measure up to the high standard of God and his world.

Let us all resolve to get out of the new year the very best there is in it. And if we cannot shine with the radiance of the sun let us remember:

"Joy is eternal, transient, pain No life lived sweetly is in vain Dear, patient soul, though heart should break Live on, trust on for beauty's sake Your life may strength to others give, Sweeter the world because you live." F. M. C.

Harmon and Economy.

Columbus, Ohio, December 30.—To prevent extravagance in governmental affairs, the Ohio Tax Commission has forced several public officers, who fixed tax rates in excess of the legal maximum of 1 per cent plus extra for sinking fund and bonded indebtedness, to reduce to the proper limit.

It was the first time in the annals of Ohio government that such action had been taken, and authority for it was obtained under a law which Governor Harmon secured. Probably in no other state of the union can such a reduction in the public expense be made. Before the present year, there was no limit placed on the size of tax levies that public officers could make, and the result was that tax rates ranged from 2 to 6 per cent, and there were prospects of higher ones.

One of the first things that Gov. Harmon gave his attention to, after he was inaugurated, was to obtain a law that would place a maximum limit on the tax rate, and with power vested in a state tax commission to prevent a levy in excess of the limit. As a further safeguard, a limit was placed on the amount of money that could be spent each year by public officers. The tax commission has power to remove officers, who violate any taxing laws.

This year officials in Henry, Madison and Union counties fixed levies in excess of the legal limit in order to get money for improvements out of proportion to their taxable wealth, but when called to book by the tax commission the officials reduced the rate without protest.

"The taxing plan of many officials in Ohio heretofore has been to levy up to the limit and to go in debt for much more, with a patch work system of valuation and consequent injustice," says a member of the tax commission "The new rule is to appraise all property at its true value, let no man or corporation escape a just share, then to make the rate low and collect the money before it is spent. With maximum limits placed on the tax rate and aggregate amount of money that officers can spend, Ohio property owners will never again have to pay tax rates of 4 and 6 per cent."

"Cut your coat according to your cloth is just as good a maxim for the state as for any citizen," said Gov. Harmon in one of his messages to the general assembly. For several years disbursements for expenses of the state government exceeded receipts—the difference being met by drawing on the balance in the treasury. In the first two years of his administration, 1909 and 10, Gov. Harmon had a hostile Republican general assembly making appropriations, and the disbursements in 1909 and 10, exceeded receipts by \$1,600,000. In 1911 with a Democratic general assembly, the receipts exceeded disbursements by \$104,949.03.

The expenses of the state, county, municipal and township governments in Ohio had been increasing on an average of \$4,000,000 a year. But in 1911, Gov. Harmon saved the tax payers that amount by obtaining one law, which stopped the increase by providing that no more tax money should be raised and expended in 1911, than was obtained and disbursed in 1910. For future years, a definite scale of percentages for increases to take care of extra expenses caused by the natural growth of municipalities will prevent further enormous increases in the cost of conducting public affairs in Ohio.

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